

REMARKS

Claims in the case are 1-4 and 6-9, upon entry of this amendment. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended herein.

In Claim 1, f) has been amended to replace "propanol" with --n-propanol--. Basis for this amendment to Claim 1 is found at page 12, lines 23-25 of the specification. Claim 7 has been amended to replace "said ester of said poybasic carboxylic acid (ii)" with --said ester of said monobasic carboxylic acid (i)--. Basis for the amendment to Claim 7 is found at page 12, lines 7-25 (and in particular, lines 23-25) of the specification.

On page 2 of the Office Action of 30 July 2003, the use of "propanol" in Claim 1, and the use of "n-propanol" in Claim 7 is questioned. Claim 1 has been amended such that it now recites "n-propanol."

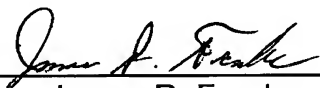
Claims 1-4 and 6-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed with regard to the amendments herein and the following remarks.

Page 12, lines 27-30 of the specification have been amended to recite the maximum ratio of the number of ester groups contained in component f) to the number of amino groups contained in component e) as being 1.0. Basis for this amendment to page 12 is found in Claim 1, and at page 2, line 1-2 of the specification.

The specification is deemed, to be consistent with, and provide support for the claims. In light of the amendments herein and the preceding remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the amendments herein and the preceding remarks, Applicants' presently pending claims are deemed to meet all the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, and to define an invention that is unanticipated, unobvious and hence, patentable. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all of the presently pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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